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1. CHINA

PRES FORD THURS ASKED SEN MANSFIELD CONVEY GREETING TO  
CHINESE LEADERSHIP/OFFICIALS HE MEETS DURING MONTH-LONG  
PRC VISIT BEGINNING FRI. NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS MESSAGE  
TO BE VERBAL/INFORMAL. FORD PHONED SEN THURS AFTERNOON,  
WISHING HIM WELL ON HIS SENATE RETIREMENT (REUTER 9/16).

SUN'S WU (HK) NOTES TIDBITS OF INFO ABOUT MAO'S PERSONAL/  
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FAMILY LIFE ARE COMING TO LIGHT FROM OBIT ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
REMINISCENCES BY CHAIRMAN'S GUARDS/PEASANT VISITORS/OLD  
ASSOCIATES APPEARING IN OFFICIAL PRESS SINCE HIS DEATH.  
OBSERVES REPORTED NOW THAT MAO WAS WORKING UNTIL FINAL

MOMENTS OF HIS LIFE; HE WAGED MOST TENACIOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST HIS ILLNESS, CONTINUED READ MATERIAL OF ALL KINDS AND LEAD WORK OF WHOLE PARTY, PLA AND NATION UP TILL LAST DAY. ONLY AFTER MAO'S DEATH HAVE NAMES OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, BESIDES CHIANG CHING, APPEARED IN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PRC AGAIN SLIGHTED SOVIET BLOC FRI BY PUBLISHING CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM PRO-PEKING EE COMMUNISTS ON MAO'S DEATH, AFTER EARLIER THIS WEEK REJECTING MESSAGES FROM ALL SOVIET AND EE RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES, EXCEPT ROMANIA'S. PEKING STILL HAS NOT CONFIRMED WHETHER MESSAGES FROM PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTIES OF ITALY/France HAVE BEEN REJECTED (REUTER PEKING).

THURS PRC ACCUSED SOVIET OF BORROWING SOME 15 BILLION US DOLS IN ATTEMPT OVERTAKE MOST DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. SAID SOVIET HAS CAUGHT UP WITH US IN ARMAMENTS, ARMED FORCES NUMERICAL STRENGTH NOW DOUBLE THAT OF US (REUTER HK 9/16).

THURS JOINT EDIT (PEOPLE'S DAILY/LIBERATION ARMY DAILY/ RED FLAG) FAILED SUPPLY WHAT ANALYSTS HAVE BEEN AWAITING SINCE MAO'S DEATH -- EVIDENCE ABOUT WHICH OF SUCCESSORS NOW TAKING CONTROL (PHINQ).

JOC'S RYAN REPORTS PARIS IUMI CONTAINER CONFERENCE WAS TOLD THURS THAT PRC, SOVIET ARE AMONG COUNTRIES SHOWING INTEREST IN CONTAINERIZED TRANSPORT.

REUTER (TAIPEI REPORTS CCK, AT FRI YUAN MEETING, SAID ROC WILL NOT HAVE TRADE TALKS OR ANY TYPE CONTACT WITH PRC. WP ARTICLE SAYS PREMIER ALSO DECLARED ROC HAS NEVER INTENDED MANUFACTURE NUKE WEAPONS. CABINET APPROVED STATEMENT SAYING TAIWAN HAS SIGNED NPT, COOPERATED IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS/INSPECTIONS.

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## 2. HONG KONG

ABOUT 25,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING GOV MACLEHOSE, PAID LAST RESPECTS OF MAO THURS AT MOURNING SERVICES HELD IN BANK OF CHINA. BANK SURROUN-ED BY WREATHS SENT BY FOREIGN DIPLOS/BUSINESSMEN WHO DEAL WITH PEKING (NYT).

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT SAID THURS THAT COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS WILL HOLD TWO-DAY HK MEETING SEPT 30-OCT 1 IN PREPARATION IMF/WORLD BANK CONFERENCE IN MANILA, OCT 4 (JOC).

## 3. INDOCHINA

KREMLIN BRANDS US PLAN VETO VN APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP AS "STUPID, ILLOGICAL AND UNSEEMLY" (REUTER MOSCOW 9/16).

SHIPS ON HIGH SEAS TEND PASS UP BOATLOADS REFUGEES FLEEING INDOCHINA, AS NATIONS IN AREA BECOME MORE RELUCTANT GRANT THEM HAVEN. IN SOME INSTANCES, SHIPS

PICK UP REFUGEES, GO FROM PORT TO PORT TRYING FIND COUNTRY THAT WILL ACCEPT THEM. REFUGEE GROUP ON SMALL BOAT SAYS PASSED UP BY 5 DIFFERENT VESSELS; SEA ESCAPES INCREASING, WITH ALMOST 2000 "BOAT CASE" REFUGEES REPORTED THIS YEAR (AP, NYT, SUN).

JACQUENEY IN NYT REPORTS MANY THIRD-FORCE LEADERS IN SVN WHO OPPOSED THIEU REGIME, WERE PERSECUTED, ARE AGAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS. NOTES OVER 200,000 IN RE-EDUCATION CAMPS, MAY BE RELEASED IN 2 MORE YRS, ACCORDING SAIGON RADIO. QUOTES REPORTS OF DESPERATE CONDITIONS IN SOME CAMPS. GIVES NAMES OF SOME BEING HELD, INCLUDING: CHMN OLD NATL ASSY OPPOSITION BLOC TRAN VAN TUYEN; FORMER ANTIWAR SENATOR/AN QUANG BUDDHIST LEADER BUI TUNG HUAN; HOA HAO LEADER LUONG TRUONG TUONG; FORMER SENATOR/PEACE ATCIVIST TRAN NGOC CHAU; ANTI-THIEU PROTESTER RC FATHER TRAN HUU THANH. SAYS NO BLOODBATH REPORTS HAVE EMERGED FROM VN, BUT REPORTS OF MISSING/DETAINED/DEAD DEEPLY DISTURBING. BELIEVES UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN MODEST INTL EXPRESSIONS HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN VN MAY SWAY HANOI, NOW LOBBYING FOR DIPL RECOGNITION/TRADE/ AID FROM UN, NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

#### 4. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

EADS (WP) SAYS DIPLOMATS AT BANGKOK UNDERSTAND WHY US REBUFFS HANOI -- BUT CONSIDER POLICY SHORT-SIGHTED, HARMFUL TO INTERESTS ALL CONCERNED. SAYS VETO THREAT AT UN ESPECIALLY DISCOMFORTING FOR ASEAN MEMBERS; THAILAND INTERESTED SEEING VN JOIN REGIONAL/INTL BODIES TO GIVE VN MANY OPTIONS AS POSSIBLE; INDONESIA, SINGAPORE REPORTEDLY ANNOYED AT US VETO THREAT. QUOTES DIPLOMAT THAT VN GOING BE THRIVING CONCERN, JAPANESE MOVING IN VERY FAST. ADDS THAT FEW OBSERVERS THINK HANOI EXPECTS GET ALL OF 3.25 BILLION DOLS "AGREED ON IN PARIS IN 1973," BUT FEW SEE VN WILLING DROP ISSUE. STATES SOURCES EXPECT DISCREET CONTACTS LATER IN YR TO WORK OUT DOLLARS-FOR-NAMES ARRANGEMENT.

#### 5. THAILAND

PRES FORD NOMINATES EDWARD MASTERS, WHO LAST SERVED AS DCM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK, TO BEAMB TO BANGLADESH (REUTER WASHINGTON).

POLICE FIND BODIES 13 PEOPLE BELIEVED SHOT BY COMMUNISTS IN NE THAILAND (REUTER BANGKOK). RTAF F-5B ON TRAINING MISSION CRASHES IN NE THAILAND, 2 CREWMEN KILLED (AP, WP).

#### 6. MALAYSIA

ADB APPROVES 27 MILLION DOL LOAN TO DEVELOP MARINE FISHERY RESOURCES OFF MALAYSIA EAST COAST (UPI NYT, JOC). PALM OIL PRODUCTION UP 10 PCT DURING JAN-JUNE FROM SAME PERIOD LAST YR (CNS, JOC).

#### 7. INDONESIA

GOVT TAKING URGENT MEASURES BUILD UP RICE STOCKS, FEARS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROLONGED DROUGHT COULD LEAD TO SHORTAGE (REUTER JAKARTA).

#### 8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

ISLANDS BECOMING SCENE SOVIET-WESTERN RIVALRY. USSR SUGGESTS COOPERATING IN FISHING WITH SOME COUNTRIES IN AREA; US DECIDES INCREASE ECON AID TO AREA TO HEAD OFF RUSSIANS. CHINA ESTABLISHES DIPL RELS WITH FIJI, W SAMOA, P-NG (AP, SUN).

#### 9. AUSTRALIA

EMPLOYEES MCDONALD'S CHAIN SYDNEY PROTEST EFFORTS BY AUSTRALIAN WORKERS UNION TO HAVE PART-TIME HELP JOIN UNION (GLOBE).

#### 10. KOREA

KIM DAE JUNG SO WEAK UNABLE TAKE NOURISHMENT, ACCORDING KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH KIM'S WIFE (WP). KIM TERMED SO SERIOUSLY SICK HE CAN NO LONGER WALK, VOMITING WHATEVER EATEN AND SURVIVING THROUGH INTRAVENOUS FEEDING; ROK EMBASSY SPOKESMAN TOKYO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE KIM'S CONDITION, SAYING, "HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE RECEIVING PROPER CARE AND TREATMENT" (SUN'S TAKAYAMA, IN TOKYO).

AP (WP) NOTES ELECTIONS LEE CHUL SEUNG AS NDP LEADER, REPLACING KIM YOUNG SAM.

SEPARATION JSA INTO TWO ZONES COMPLETED 9/16 (WP, CSM).

UNIFICATION CHURCH OFFICIALS STATE REV. SUN MYUNG MOON, UPON COMPLETION 9/18 "MILLION DOLLAR GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL", WILL TRAVEL TO EUROPE TO COMMENCE NEW CHURCH OPERATIONS (JONES, CSM). WP CARRIES LONG FEATURE REVIEWING CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING MOON, AND REPORTS "SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS" PREPARED PROTEST MOON'S 9/18 RALLY. USG ESTIMATES SECURITY AND CLEANUP EXPENSES FOR FESTIVAL WILL COST TAXPAYERS OVER 120,000 DOLS

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(HOUSE, WSTAR 9/16), AND "MOONIES" CRITICIZED FOR GENERATING FAN MAIL PRAISING MEDIA WILLING CARRY MOON'S EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING (BORGER, WSTAR 9/16).

LAT (9/16) SAYS KOREAN CRAFTSMEN WORKING 12-14 HOURS DAILY TO COMPLETE 1 MILLION DOL BELFRY HOUSING FOR ROKG BICENTENNIAL BELL GIFT TO US.

#### 11. JAPAN

AFP (LAT 9/16) REPORTS JDA REQUEST US AID IN MOVING MIG-25 TO EXAMINATION SITE, AND TASS COMMENT THAT ANY PLAN AIRLIFT MIG FOR EXAMINATION BY "AMERICAN EXPERTS" WOULD BE "UNFRIENDLY ACT" AGAINST JAPAN'S OWN INTERESTS. RUMSFELD SAYS HE EXPECTS EXAMINATION MIG WILL YIELD GOOD DEAL INFO, BUT EMPHASIZES PLANE AT PRESENT JAPANESE RESPONSIBILITY. SECDEF ADDS MIG PENETRATION JAPAN'S AIR DEFENSES OFFERS LESSONS FOR BOTH JAPANESE/US AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (CSM, WSJ).

LOCKHEED'S JOHN CLUTTER REFUSAL ANSWER ANY SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS POSED BY JOINT US-JAPANESE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL LEAVING HIMSELF OPEN TO CONTEMPT CITATION AT FORTHCOMING HEARING, DUE GRANT LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM US PROSECUTION (TAWITCH, LAT 9/16).

AP (CHITRIB) SAYS JDA WILL INVESTIGATE FORMER GRUMMAN INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE THOMAS CHEATHAMS SENATE TESTIMONY RE SUGGESTION BY EX-NIXON AIDE IN 1972 THAT 1 MILLION DOLS CONTRIBUTION TO NIXON CAMPAIGN COULD HELP GRUMMAN SALES ATTEMPTS IN JAPAN.

AP, ROME (SUN) NOTES JAPAN HAS REJECTED ASSOCIATION OF WEST EUROPEAN SHIPBUILDERS' PLEA TO CUT ITS SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY IN FACE SHIPPING RECESSION.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 12. INDOCHINA

WSTAR (9/16) FINDS PRES' THREAT VETO VN ADMISSION TO UN  
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WITHIN BOUNDS DIPL REASON, MAY ALSO SERVE ADMIN'S POLITICAL INTERESTS. SAYS NO DOUBT HANOI HAS OR COULD GET MUCH MORE MIA INFO, BUT WITHHOLDS IN HOPE EXTRACTING FUTURE CONCESSION FROM US; CALLS TACTIC UNCONSCIONABLE. DETROIT NEWS (9/8) FINDS HANOI PLAYING GAMES WITH MIAS, CALLS IT "INHUMAN CRUELTY," NOT "GOODWILL." LAT (9/16) BELIEVES JUST AS WELL UNSC PUT OFF VOTE ON VN ADMISSION, SINCE CLEARER THINKING MAY PREVAIL IN WASHINGTON AFTER ELECTION. SEES GOOD CASE FOR SPEEDING UP NORMALIZATION RELS WITH VN.

NYPOST (9/14) DETECTS NO DEFENSIBLE EXCUSE FOR PRES FORD "SEEK TO ADVANCE HIS CAMPAIGN" BY PROLONGING HOSTILITIES WITH VN. BELIEVES ADMIN'S HARD LINE PROLONGS SUFFERING BY MIA FAMILIES, SINCE VN NOT LIKELY PRODUCE INFO UNDER "PETTY, PETULANT MISUSE" OF VETO. STLP-D (9/8) CALLS HANOI'S RELEASE, BY INSTALLMENT, OF MIA NAMES "SHAMEFUL POLITICAL GAMBIT," BUT BELIEVES MORE INFO WOULD BE MORE LIKELY FORTHCOMING IF VN JOINS UN. LOFTON (PHINQ) TAKES ISSUE WITH NYT'S RECOMMENDATION OF UN MEMBERSHIP FOR VN; SAYS IF US WISHES SHOW ADHERENCE UN CHARTER, WAY TO DO THIS IS BY VOTING AGAINST VN ADMISSION. QUOTES PASSAGES OF CHARTER TO DEMONSTRATE HANOI'S UNFITNESS BE UN MEMBER. ADDS VN'S MIA BEHAVIOR IS ANOTHER REASON FOR US VETO.

#### 13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

TRANS CONSULTANT IMMER WRITES WSTAR (9/16) REVIEWING ISLANDS' CULTURE; NOTES VARIED REACTION TO SOME US PROGRAMS ON LARGER ISLANDS THAT SERVE AS DISTRICT CENTERS. SAYS SOME ISLANDS POLLUTED, PUT OUT OF BALANCE BY US MIL/SPACE PROGRAMS, AND US MUST SOLVE PROBLEMS CREATED. STATES TRUST TERRITORY GOVT HAS DONE NOTHING ENCOURAGE LOCAL ECON ACTIVITIES AT WHICH PEOPLE ADEPT, "SCUTTLED" NATIVE-OWNED INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING COMPANY. CALLS ISLAND SOCIETY FRAGILE, IN GREAT DANGER.

#### 14. KOREA

OMAHA WORLD HERALD (9/4) EDIT QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM  
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LONDON ECONOMIST'S VIEW THAT US COMMITMENT TO JAPAN HAS LEAD TO OUR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH ROK. CONCLUDES THAT KOREA REMAINS EXPLOSIVE AND "WE MAY BE CHALLENGED ANYTIME AND ANY PLACE."

THE NATION (9/4) SAYS THAT COMMON SENSE SEEMS TO HAVE PREVAILED IN ENDING "POPULAR TREE WAR." REVIEWS OUR PRESENCE AND UNDEMOCRATIC PRACTICES OF ROKG. CONCLUDES THAT ALTERNATIVE TO US MILITARY PRESENCE IS NOT NECESSARILY COMMUNIST VICTORY. MORE LIKELY WOULD BE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF TWO PETTY DICTATORSHIPS FACING EACH OTHER. THE PRESENCE OF MAJOR POWER "CAN ONLY STIR UP THE ANIMALS".

CLEVELAND PLAN DEALER (9/5) SAYS NOTWITHSTANDING LESS THAN PERFECT NATURE OF SK REGIME, STRONG US COMMITMENT NEEDED THERE. TREE INCIDENT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE SERIOUSNESS OF THAT COMMITMENT.

CHITRIB (9/11) SAYS IF NK CONTINUES TO ACT LIKE "THUGS" NO AGREEMENT IS GOING TO WORK VERY WELL. WE SHOULD HOWEVER "BE GRATEFUL FOR SMALL FAVORS" AS INDICATED BY RECENT MORE REASONABLE NK ATTITUDE.

UPI FROM TOKYO COMMENTS ON NK ORDER FOR FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE. NOTES THAT NK MEDIA HAVE NEVER TOLD PEOPLE ABOUT DEATHS OF TWO AMERICANS AND NK'S DID NOT GO ABROAD WHERE THEY MIGHT LEARN DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT. HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN VISITS CANCELLED. CONCLUDES THAT NK WILL HAVE TO RESUME ITS NORMAL BUT LIMITED FOREIGN CONTACTS TO SUPPORT "CAMPAIGN FOR ADMISSION TO THE UN".

15. LOS

ANABLE (CSM) SAYS LOS NEGOTS CAME NEAR BRINK OF COLLAPSE BUT NOW HAS STAGGERED UNSTEADILY ONWARD TO NEXT SPRING'S SESSIONS. MANY FEEL SUMMER SESSION CAME TO SOON AFTER LAST SPRING'S TO PERMIT GOVTS TO STUDY ISSUES ADEQUATELY. SOME DELEGATIONS BELIEVE US ELECTIONS PROMPTS SOME COUNTRIES TO WITHHOLD MAKING VITAL DECISIONS. HEART OF PROBLEM LIES IN DEEP SEABED MINING ISSUE. THIRD WORLD DELEGATES STILL SUSPICIOUS OF US PROPOSALS TO PERMIT SOME MEASURE OF PRIVATE EXPLOITATION DESPITE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAK PERSONAL INTERVENTION. WANT TO PROTECT VALUE OF LAND - MINED MINERALS. US APPEARS RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE DETAILED ASSURANCES.

16. CHINA

NYT'S GROSE NOTES OCT "FOREIGN AFFAIRS" QUARTERLY HAS COHEN ARTICLE: "A CHINA POLICY FOR THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION." OBSERVES COHEN HAS BEEN JIMMY CARTER'S CHINA POLICY CONSULTANT--ALTHOUGH COHEN STRESSED IN INTERVIEW THERE

WAS NO CLAIM CARTER CONCURRED IN ARTICLE'S POLICY PROPOSALS. SAYS PAPER WRITTEN BEFORE MAO'S DEATH,BUT

ITS BASIC ARGUMENTS HOLD.

ACCORDING COHEN, US CAN DEVISE "NEW TYPE OF GUARANTY" FOR TAIWAN TO REPLACE FORMAL SECURITY PACT THAT WOULD BE INVALIDATED BY NORMALIZING RELS WITH PEKING. COHEN SUGGESTS SINO-US AGREEMENT DECLARING INTL WATERS/AIRSPACE BETWEEN MAINLAND/ROC IS BILATERAL ZONE OF PEACE, AND BINDING BOTH SIDES NOT RESORT TO FORCE IN THIS AREA -- BUT WITHOUT SPELLING OUT IMPLICATIONS OF MOVE FOR TAIPEI. SINCE USG/ELECTORATE WOULD INSIST ON REITERATING LONGSTANDING INTEREST IN ROC'S SECURITY, COHEN ADVOCATES PRESIDENTIAL "SOLEMN POLICY DECLARATION" CONVEYING NATIONAL COMMITMENT, POSSIBLY STRENGTHENED BY CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING IN ADVANCE ANY ACTION IN TAIWAN'S DEFENSE THAT MIGHT AT PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION PROVE NECESSARY. COHEN ALSO PROPOSES CONTINUING MIL SALES TO TAIWAN THROUGH PRIVATE AUSPICES.

GROSE OBSERVES COHEN PROPOSALS MORE FORTHCOMING TOWARD ROC THAN MANY US SCHOLARS, SUCH AS WHITING, BELIEVE NECESSARY; BUT COHEN ARGUED THAT ROC ENJOYED CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT IN US, WHICH NO RESPONSIBLE POL LEADER SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE. GROSE POINTS OUT PROPOSALS FOR CAUTIOUS FORM MIL COOPERATION WITH PEKING, IN PART TO COMPENSATE FOR PRESENT SOVIET OVERWHELMING SUPERIORITY MIL MIGHT, ARE EVEN MORE CONTROVERSIAL.

SUN'S ISAACS (HK) NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY/LIBERATION ARMY UNCLASSIFIED

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DAILY/RED FLAG PUBLISHED JOIN EDITORIAL THURS OF CHINESE LEADERS' PLEDGE TO CARRY ON MAO'S LAST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BY "FIGHTING AGAINST CAPITALIST-ROADERS" IN PARTY. ISAACS OBSERVES EDIT, IN ITS PHRASING, ECHOED CATCHWORDS OF PARTY'S ULTRA-MAOIST RADICALS, RATHER THAN MODERATES WHO NORMALLY EMPHASIZE SUCH THEMES AS UNITY/PRODUCTION. SAYS ONLY IN END, AND IN RATHER OFF-HANDED MANNER, DID EDIT TOUCH ON MODERATE THEME OF UPHOLDING PARTY "UNITY AND UNIFICATION." POINTS OUT EDIT WAS CONSPICUOUSLY MORE RADICAL IN TONE THAN CONDOLENCE MESSAGES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM PLA COMMANDS -- SUGGESTING THAT WHILE RADICALS MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, THEY LACK SUPPORT ELSEWHERE.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) SEES MAJOR JOINT EDIT AS ANOTHER ATTEMPT REASSURE CHINESE MASSES THERE WILL BE NO IMPORTANT POLICY/LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. CITING EDIT'S RECITAL THAT MAO "ADJURED US" FOLLOW HIS POLICIES, BUTTERFIELD NOTES WORD FOR ADJURE (CHU-FU) IS TRADITIONAL TERM EMPLOYED WHEN FATHERS GIVE LAST INSTRUCTIONS TO SONS, SUPERIORS OR INFERIORS; CONSIDERS



IT UNUSUAL EXPRESSION FOR CHINESE COMMUNISTS, WHO NORMALLY AVOID SUCH CLASSICAL USAGES.

ACCORDING ZORZA (WP), DESPITE WORDS OF PRAISE/TEARS OF GRIEF FOR MAO EVIDENT IN PEKING, WHAT WE ARE REALLY SEEING NOW ARE FIRST MOVES TOWARD MAO'S DETHRONEMENT. CHAIRMAN'S TRUE LEGACY BELONGS TO RADICALS; BUT IN 16-HOUR DELAY BEFORE MAO'S DEATH ANNOUNCED TO WORLD, FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOW MODERATES WON FIRST ROUND -- NO MASS RALLIES HELD OUTSIDE PLACES OF WORK UNTIL FUNERAL DEMONSTRATION 10 DAYS LATER. BY THAT TIME, MODERATES WOULD HAVE HOPED WREST FROM RADICALS AT LEAST SOME OF POWER MAO BEQUEATHED THEM, AND PEKING RALLY COULD NO LONGER BE USED TRIGGER RADICALS' TAKEOVER. DECISION TO DELAY FUNERAL RALLY WAS BLOW AGAINST RADICALS -- THEREFORE BLOW AGAINST MAO.

ACCORDING ZORZA, THIS FIRST STEP IN PROGRESSION THAT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO RENUNCIATION CULT OF MAO.  
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WHILE PROCESS WILL DIFFER IN SOME RESPECTS FROM DE-STALINIZATION IN SOVIET AFTER STALIN'S DEATH, PRC IS MODERN COMMUNIST DECTATORSHIP, WITH CERTAIN FEATURES IN COMMON WITH SOVIET, HOWEVER HARD MAO MAY HAVE TRIED ERADICATE THEM. ULTIMATELY, LEADERSHIP MUST DECIDE WILLY-NILLY THAT ONLY WAY DEPRIVE RADICALS OF STRENGTH BEQUEATHED THEM BY MAO IS TO REVISE HISTORY'S VIEW OF CHAIRMAN, MAKE HIS LEGACY SEEM QUESTIONABLE IF NOT WORTHLESS, DENOUNCE AT LEAST SOME OF POLICIES HE STOOD FOR. RADICALS LIKELY FIGHT BACK, STRUGGLE COULD ASSUME SOME FEATURES OF OTHER RELIGIOUS WARS, PERHAPS FOUGHT WITH MODERN PROPAGANDA WEAPONS; BUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, MAO'S NAME WILL BE DRAGGED IN MUD.

GLOBE'S BEECHER OBSERVES HOW MAO'S DEATH HAS INTENSIFIED FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTER OF CHINESE POWER STRUGGLE. SAYS BUREAUCRATS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN LETTING THINGS DRIFT, RATHER THAN RISK TOUGH DECISIONS THAT MIGHT GET THEM INTO TROUBLE; PLA HAS BEEN SITTING ON SIDELINES, UNWILLING PUT ITS PRESTIGE ON LINE UNTIL GETS BETTER FEEL FOR WHERE REAL POWER WILL GRAVITATE.

ANALYZING REASONS FOR MAO'S POPULAR SUPPORT, YOST (CSM) SAYS CHAIRMAN COMPLETED UNITING CHINA, MAKING IT INDEPENDENT, RESPECTED, SELF-RELIANT, MADE SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENT IN MEETING MINIMUM HUMAN NEEDS FOR FOOD, CLOTHING, HEALTH, SHELTER, EDUCATION. SUGGESTS BY 2000 HISTORIANS MAY JUDGE MAO POL FIGURE WHO HAD PROFOUNDTEST IMPACT ON OUR TIMES, DEPENDING ON HOW WELL HIS WORK ENDURES IN PRC AND TO WHAT EXTENT ASPECTS OF CHINESE DEVELOPMENT MODEL FOLLOWED IN OTHER PARTS THIRD WORLD.

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (9/16) POINTS OUT FOREIGN OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN WATCHING CLOSELY FOR INDICATION SHAKEUPS IN PERSONALITIES/POLICIES FOLLOWING MAO'S DEATH, WHILE CHINESE LEADERS SEEM DELIBERATELY AVOIDING HASTY ACTIONS. BUT FEELS MAO FUNERAL ORATION SAT COULD PROVIDE NEW DEFINITION OF OUTLOOK, AND AFTER THAT POL CHANGES WOULD BE MORE SEEMLY THAN DURING 10 DAYS' MOURNING.

ACCORDING ROCHE (WSTAR 9/16), NO SERIOUS ANALYST CAN  
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DENY EXTENT OF MAO'S INFLUENCE -- BUT "IN COLD-BLOODED TERMS WHAT DID HE DO?" CHARGES CHAIRMAN CONVERTED INEFFICIENT, CORRUPT, AUTHORITARIAN "STATE" INTO CERTAINLY LARGEST/PROBABLY "MOST EFFICIENT CONCENTRATION CAMP IN HISTORY."

WP'S VON HOFFMAN TRACES SINO-US RELS FROM 1972 WHEN NIXON VISITED PEKING, AND WE WERE "OVERLOADED WITH UNDISCERNING, LAUDATORY ACCOUNTS" OF CHINA AND MAO. SAYS OLDDREAM OF "THE CHINA TRADE" WAS EXHUMED AND "GRANDLY EXAGGERATED THINGS" SAID ABOUT FUTURE SINO-US FRIENDSHIP/COOPERATION. "MAO, AGAIN, WAS THE MEASURE OF WHAT IDIOTS WE COULD MAKE OF OURSELVES."

17. JAPAN

LACHICA (CSM) SAYS MIKI HAS PULLED LDP FROM VERGE OF COLLAPSE WITH FORMATION NEW CABINET SYMBOLIZING "PROVISIONAL TRUCE" WITH HIS STRONGEST CHALLENGERS; BUT NOTES "TACTICAL VICTORY" PROBABLY GIVES BUT BRIEF RESPITE BEFORE HIS OPPONENTS AGAIN ATTEMPT WREST LEADERSHIP FROM HIM.

JAMESON (LAT 9/16) SKETCHES COMPROMISE CABINET CHANGES, ANTICIPATES ANTI-MIKI MEN, WITH STRONG GRASP PARTY MANAGEMENT, WILL USE STRENGTH DURING NEXT MONTH'S PARTY CONVENTION TO TRY AGAIN FORCE MIKI OUT.

MALCOLM (NYT 9/16) GIVES BACKGROUND LDP INTRA PARTY STRUGGLES AND, CITING CONVENTION EXTROORDINARY PARLIAMENTARY SESSION, SAYS INDICATIONS ARE THAT DELIBERATIONS WILL SERVE AS PRELUDE TO GENERAL ELECTION AND FURTHER LDP SQUABBLING.

KRAFT (GLOBE) OUTLINES LDP WOES, CONCLUDING SYSTEM OF PAST TWO DECADES IS CRUMBLING, AND NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TYPE REPLACEMENT WILL FINALLY EMERGE. SEES LDP SPLIT PRECIPITATING MOVE BY PARTY FACTIONS TO COMBINE AND COALESCE WITH OPPOSITION ELEMENTS TO

FORM NEW MAJORITY. IN SHORT RUN, FEELS THIS WOULD  
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WEAKEN GOVT AND RESPONSIVENESS OF US/JAPAN SECURITY  
AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. LONGER TERM OUTLOOK IS  
"HAPPIER," WITH CLEANSSED POLITICS, GREATER POLITICAL  
PARTICIPATION AND, PERHAPS EVENTUALLY, NEW MASS  
PARTY COMBINING ALL CENTRIST GROUPS, IN MORE DEMONCRATIC  
MANNER.

CULLISON (JOC) AND WSJ COVER NEW JAPANESE-BRAZILIAN  
ECONOMIC LINKS, REPORTING SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT FOR  
JOINT CONSTRUCTION 1.3-BILLION-DOL ALUMINUM PRODUCTION  
PLANT AT MOUTH OF AMAZON, WITH PRODUCTION TO GET UNDERWAY  
BY 1981. JAPANESE TO OWN 49 PERCENT JOINT VENTURE,  
WHILE 51 PERCENT WILL BE HELD BY CIA VALE DE RIO DOCE,  
S.A. EVENTUALLY, EXPECTED 32 JAPANESE ALUMINUM  
SMELTERS, ALUMINUM ROLLING AND PROCESSING FIRMS,  
TRADING HOUSES, STEEL CORPS, AUTO COMPANIES, AND  
SIMILAR ENTERPRISES WILL INVEST IN JOINT VENTURE.

18. GENERAL

LONGWORTH IN CHITRIB REPORTS BRIAN MOODY CHIEF  
ECONOMIST OF HONG KONG SHANGHAI BANK SAYS SEASIAN  
(PARTICULARLY ASEAN NATIONS) AGAIN SAFE FOR US INVESTMENT.  
INITIAL FEARS RE SRV INTENTIONS NOT BORNE OUT. SEES  
GROWTH IN US/PRC TRADE.

WASH STAR REPORTS IT COST TAXPAYERS 100,000 TO SEND  
11 - MAN CODEL PLUS WIVES TO PACIFIC EARLIER THIS YEAR  
TRIP INCLUDED STOPS IN TOKYO, JAKARTA, BALI, AUSTRALIA  
AND NEW ZEALAND. REPORT BY GROUP CLAIMS CREDIT  
FOR TURNING AUST AND NZ AROUND ON NPW VISITS. QUOTES  
DOS SPOKESMAN SAYING "SUCH PERMISSION...WOULD HAVE  
BEEN GIVEN EVENTUALLY WITHOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL TRIP."  
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